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TAGS: CASC CARR CU (EMMICK, FRANK)
SUBJECT: W/W ARREST: VISIT TO FRANK EMMICK

REF: HAVANA 671

1. CONOFF VISITED EMMICK AT COMBINADO DEL ESTE PRISON ON NOVEMBER 21 FOR ABOUT 1 AND 1/2 HOURS. VISIT OBSERVED BY MINREX PROTOCOL OFFICER HEZAR BATISTA AND PRISON LIEUTENENT.

2. FRANK EMMICK IS 63 YEARS OLD AND HAS BEEN IN PRISON SINCE 1963 SERVING A 30 YEAR SENTENCE. HE SAYS HE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC BUT REALISTIC, NOT INTERESTED IN MATERIAL BUT IN SUSTAINING HIMSELF. HE FEARS DEATH. HE BELIEVES HIS CORONARY CONDITION WEIGHS AGAINST HIS LEAVING CUBA ALIVE.

3. HE IS HOUSED ON 4TH FLOOR OF A PRISON BLOCK WITH 4 OTHER NON-CUBANS, INCLUDING EVERETT JACKSON AND JUAN TUR. BECAUSE OF HIS LOCATION, HE NEVER GOES TO THE THRICE WEEKLY 1 AND 1/2 HOUR PATIOS BECAUSE HE FEARS THE STRAIN COULD TRIGGER A HEART ATTACK. HE DOES DEEP BREATHING EXERCISES IN THIS GALLERY INSTEAD. HE WOULD LIKE TO BE MOVED TO A CELL IN THE HOSPITAL.

4. EMMICK WAS MOVED TO COMBINADO IN JANUARY FROM LA CABANA WHERE HE WAS IN A CRONIC WARD FOR PERSONS REQUIRING CLOSE MEDICAL
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ATTENTION.

5. EMMICK, A POLITICAL PRISONER, WEARS THE YELLOW KHAKI UNIFORM OF A "PLANTADO". HE WAS ON THE PLAN FOR SEVERAL YEARS BUT LEFT IT WHEN HE SAW NO TANGIBLE BENEFIT IN IT. YELLOW UNIFORM IS A SYMBOL OF DISSENT WITHIN THE PRISON. EMMICK LEFT THE PLAN FOR IDEOLOGICAL REASONS AS WELL SAYS PLAN IS DESIGNED FOR CUBANS, AND NOT

COMPTAIBLE WITH HIS IDEOLOGICAL VIEWPOINT. HE SAYS HE IS "FLEXIBLE IF HE IS NEGOTIABLE".

6. MAIL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PROBLEM. HE HAS RECEIVED FOUR LETTERS IN SEVEN YEARS. HE SENDS LETTERS BUT HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THEY ARE LEAVING THE PRISON.

7. EMMICK WANTS TOOTH BRUSH, BOOKS ON PHILOSOPHY AND A WEBSTER'S THIRD COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY. HE HAS ALSO REQUESTED 90 PACKS OF GEVRAL PROTEIN INSTANT VITAMIN SUPPLEMENT TO AUGMENT HIS SPECIAL DIET OF MILK FOR BREAKFAST, EGGS, RICE AND SOUP OR COOKED PLANTAIN FOR LUNCH, AND RICE WITH CANNED MEAT OR FISH AND BREAD FOR DINNER. HE FURTHER REQUESTS A REGULAR SUPPLY OF GLYCERYL TRINITRATE FOR HIS HEART CONDITION. HE IS RECEIVING REGULAR INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC RELIEF PACKAGE.

8. HE SENDS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MRS. RAE V. EMMICK, 2534 CHARLESTON AVENUE TOLEDO, OHIO QUOTE MY BELOVED RAY, MEMORABLE CAROLYN, TOM AND YOUR FAMILIES. A FEW WORDS TO INFORM YOU THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I AM TAKING CARE OF MYSELF WITH COURAGE, FAITH AND HOPE. IT IS THE ONLY PLAUSIBLE THING THAT I CAN SAY. I AM HELD TO YOU BY BLOOD AND BY PRIDE; AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF PRISON LIFE, OUR DEVOTIONS ARE REAL AND ARE NOT LIKE FROST ON A WINDOW IN THE WINTER, BUT TO MY ESTIMATION A SOLID LOVE UNTIL ETERNITY. I LOVE YOU ALL PROFOUNDLY, BECAUSE YOU ARE MY INSPIRATION TO HOLD ON; AND DRAW ME TO YOU BY YOUR GREAT EFFORT OF FIDELITY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDERSTANDING, TRUST AND TENDERNESS. WE SHOULD DIGNIFY EACH OTHER IN OUR DAILY STRUGGLE OF LIFE, AND EMBELLISH IT BY COURAGE, WISDOM AND UNITY. SO IN THE FUTURE IT SHOULD NEVER FALL INTO SOMETHING USUAL AND SETTLED, YET, GOD WILLING, IT SHOULD BE ALERT AND INVENTIVE AND ADD RHYME AND REASON TO WHAT WAS SUFFERING AND DRUDGERY. I PRAY FERVENTLY THAT YOU ALL MAINTAIN GOOD HEALTH AND JOY, WITH A DESIRE TO EXTEND MY BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. KISSES TO MY GRANDCHILDREN. LOVE FOREVER F.C.E. UNQUOTE. LANE

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